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## **Funding Approved for Sidewalks near Sequoia Middle School**

**SAN BERNARDINO** – On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors approved matching funds to secure a \$453,000 state grant to build sidewalks on the most used walking route to Sequoia Middle School in Fontana.

Caltrans awarded the funding after reviewing “Safe Routes to Schools” grant applications submitted by the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works. The grant required a 10 percent match (\$45,300) and gave special consideration to those that proposed higher matches.

In light of this, Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane, who represents the unincorporated Fontana community as the County’s Second District Supervisor, had earmarked \$60,000 from the Second District’s discretionary budget to bolster the grant application for sidewalks to Sequoia Middle School.

“We sweetened the pot to make sure this grant application was successful, and in the end, we secured nearly half of a million dollars to improve the Fontana community,” Biane said.

The sidewalks will be constructed between Hemlock and Beech avenues on Sequoia Avenue. More than half of the 1,400 students at Sequoia Middle School walk or bike to school along Sequoia Avenue. In addition to sidewalks, the project will include curbs, gutters and sidewalk ramps. The project is being designed. Public Works expects to begin construction in summer 2009.

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